



Illinois River Ecosystem Restoration

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Location

Entire Illinois River Basin including tributaries. The Illinois River and waterway flows southwest across Illinois connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River.

State(s)

IL, WI

Congressional District(s)

IL-11, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-2, IL-3, WI-1, WI-5

Status

Final Approval of the Feasibility Report, a joint document with the Illinois River Basin Comprehensive Plan occurred in May 2007. In 2008 the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the ASA for Civil Works and OMB. The Comprehensive Plan and cover letters were sent to Congress.

Description

In August 2000, the State of Illinois and the Corps of Engineers entered into a cost-sharing agreement to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration of this nationally-significant river system. The study emphasizes identifying and evaluating restoration activities related to the State of Illinois' Integrated Management Plan for the Illinois River Watershed and Illinois Rivers 2020 Initiative. The Illinois River Basin has experienced the loss of ecological integrity due to sedimentation of backwaters and side channels, degradation of tributary streams, fluctuations in hydrologic regimes and water levels, loss of floodplain and tributary connectivity, and other adverse impacts caused by human activity. Alternatives have been developed that include watershed/tributary restoration, side channel and backwater restoration, water level management, and floodplain restoration and protection. A joint report is being finalized to address this authority and the related Illinois River Basin Restoration Sec 519 (WRDA 2000) project. The study involves the efforts of four districts (Rock Island, St. Louis, Chicago, and Detroit). The Illinois River Basin Restoration Comprehensive Plan answered this authority.

Summarized Project Costs

Federal Cost	\$2,141,803
Non-Federal Cost	\$2,141,803
Total Cost	\$4,283,606
Allocations through FY 2012	\$2,141,803
Budget Request for FY 2013	\$0
Balance to Complete after FY 2013	\$0

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 2014: Proceed with close out of project.



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Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 2015: None

Authority Details

General Investigations Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 with supplemental authority from Section 519 (Illinois River Basin Restoration) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

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